

Abstract of the Disclosure

A talking calendar suitable for use as an educational toy for a child or a calendaring device for an adult includes a housing, an input microphone, an output speaker, a plurality of fixed function switches for accessing preprogrammed educational informational messages according to their subject matter, and a plurality of switches defining user-definable switches by which a user can record audio messages and play back those messages according to user-definable categories of information. Printed monthly calendar sheets for the different months of the year can be slid into the unit. The unit reads the month and year encoded on the calendar sheet. A switch matrix located underneath the monthly sheet senses when a user has pressed a day of the month and thereby selected a date for recording or playback of audio messages associated with the selected date.